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UNDER 35 USC §371(c) (4) FOR  
PCT APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:  
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my name;

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name  
is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are  
listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is  
sought, namely the invention entitled, TIRE MANUFACTURING METHOD, COVER RUBBER STAMPING  
DEVICE USED THEREFOR, TIRE, AS WELL AS RUBBER SHEET MEMBER STAMPING METHOD AND DEVICE

described and claimed in international application number PCT/JP03/013562  
filed October 23, 2003.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified  
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I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me  
to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations  
§1.56. Under Title 35, U.S. Code §119, the priority benefits of the following  
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Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-308695 filed October 23, 2002

The following application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate on this  
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